

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

*In relation to draining the everglades.*

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION in relation to draining the everglades.

Whereas large tracts of the public lands, lying in the vicinity of lake Okee-cho-bee, and in that region south of said lake, called "the everglades," being covered with water, are incapable of being surveyed and subdivided, and are therefore valueless to the United States: and whereas it is believed that a large portion of said lands may be drained by canals, reclaimed, and made valuable for the cultivation of tropical plants and fruits: and whereas it is believed that these lands, if reclaimed, would not only remunerate this State for the expense of such reclamation, but would yield a considerable surplus above such expense: Therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That Congress be requested to grant to this State all of said lands lying south of Carloo-sa-hatchee river, and of the northern shore of lake Okee-cho-bee, and between the gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ocean, on condition that the State will drain them, and apply the proceeds of the sale thereof, after defraying the expense of draining, to purposes of education.

Passed the Senate December 30, 1847.

C. W. DENNING,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*  
D. G. McLEAN,  
*President of the Senate.*

Passed the House of Representatives January 6, 1848.

W. B. LANCASTER,  
*Clerk House of Representatives.*  
JOHN CHAIN,  
*Speaker House of Representatives.*

Approved January 6, 1848.

W. D. MOSELEY.

## STATE OF FLORIDA:

I, James T. Archer, secretary of state of Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of a resolution on file in my office, entitled "Resolution in relation to draining the everglades."

Witness my official signature, and the great seal of  
[ L. s. ] the State aforesaid, at Tallahassee, this 22d  
day of February, 1848.

JAMES T. ARCHER,  
*Secretary of State.*

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA

In relation to draining the everglades.

FEBRUARY 22, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION in relation to draining the everglades.

Whereas large tracts of the public lands lying in the vicinity of lake Okechobee, and in that region south of said lake, called "the everglades," being covered with water, are incapable of being surveyed and subdivided and are therefore useless to the United States; and whereas it is believed that a large portion of said lands may be drained by canals, and made valuable for the cultivation of sugar, citrus fruits and other fruits; and whereas it is believed that these lands, if reclaimed, would not only remunerate this State for the expense of such reclamation, but would yield a considerable surplus above such expense: Therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That Congress be requested to grant to this State all of said lands lying south of Okechobee, and between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ocean, on condition that the State will drain them, and apply the proceeds of the sale thereof, after defraying the expenses of draining, to purposes of education.

Passed the Senate December 30, 1847.

C. W. DENNING

Secretary of the Senate

D. G. McLEAN

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives January 8, 1848.

W. B. LANCASTER

Clerk House of Representatives

JOHN CHAIN

Speaker House of Representatives

Approved January 8, 1848.

W. D. NOBLE

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